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12 January 1950

Major General William J. Donovan  
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Two Wall Street  
New York 5, New York

My dear General Donovan:

The additional and correctional material which you have submitted is now in the process of being integrated into the OSS War Report insofar as possible, and it is hoped that the project will be brought to an early conclusion.

With reference to [ ] mentioned in your letter of 29 December, this report has been located and appropriate mention of it will be included in the Far East section of the History. Your calling this oversight to our attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

sgd & disp via ER 1/12/50

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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NOTE: Basic re Gen Donovan's ltr, 10/19/49, O-7037. He states matr which he has promised has been forwarded. Still one gap in history--plan which he submitted to JCS, State & General Wedemeyer in 1945

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October 19th 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I have your letter of October 5th, relative to  
the OSS History.

In examining the history, I found certain errors  
in the statement of facts. In order to make proper correction,  
it has been necessary to obtain statements from Key personnel  
of the OSS who had definite knowledge of the circumstances  
surrounding the different operations.

This has been done and the statements are in  
course of preparation. I have talked with Kermit Roosevelt  
and will send the papers on to him as soon as they come into  
my possession.

Sincerely yours,

signed - William J. Donovan

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5 October 1949

Major General William J. Donovan  
Donovan, Leisure, Newton, & Irvine  
Two Wall Street  
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear General Donovan:

Just today I have received a memorandum from the Director of the Joint Staff which reads, as follows: "Two agencies of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have indicated an urgent need for the completed history of the Office of Strategic Services and have requested that it be furnished at the earliest practicable date. In view of this, information is requested as to when the document may be expected." Could you please give me the information requested in order that I may transmit it to the Joint Chiefs of Staff?

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, of course, stands ready to confer with you if he can be of any assistance in this matter.

With very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed - Dispatched 10/6/49  
thru ER(sealed)

E. H. Willenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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28 September 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: History of the Office of Strategic Services

1. The Central Intelligence Group, the predecessor of this Agency, was directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to prepare a history of the organization and operations of the Office of Strategic Services. This has been in process for several years. On completion of the first draft, about eighteen months ago, a copy was sent to Major General William J. Donovan, Director of the Office of Strategic Services, for his comments. This first draft copy was returned with General Donovan's comments which were incorporated into a second draft at which time General Donovan asked to see the second draft and to make further comments. This second draft was furnished General Donovan the early part of this year, and so far we have heard nothing further from him directly.

2. The history of the Office of Strategic Services was classified by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as TOP SECRET, but we have recently learned that General Donovan has forwarded to various other people separate volumes of the history for further comment and rewrite.

3. It is requested that the Joint Chiefs of Staff give guidance to the Central Intelligence Agency in this matter—whether to wait until General Donovan returns a corrected draft, or whether to press him for a return in the immediate future.

Signed & dispatched by hand DCI

9/28/49

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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"Reference your memo of 28 Sep 49, two agencies of the JCS have indicated an urgent need for the completed history and have requested that it be furnished at the earliest practicable date. In view of the above, information is requested as to when the document may be expected."

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9 JAN 1948

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

**THROUGH: Joint Security Control**

**Subject: War Report of the Office of Strategic Services**

Pursuant to the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a War Report of the activities of the Office of Strategic Services has been completed under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Strategic Services Unit and the supervision of the Joint Security Control.

A copy of the report was submitted to Major General William J. Donovan, Director of the OSS, for his review and any desired comment. He has advised that his comments will be forthcoming reasonably soon. Copies thereof will be provided upon receipt.

Three typewritten, bound copies of the report together with pertinent comments by the Director, SSU, are forwarded herewith.

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R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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